STATE OF VERMONT PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7504

Joint Petition of Village of Orleans Electric

Department ("Orleans") and Barton Village,
Inc., Electric Department ("Barton") for a
certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A.
Section 248, authorizing Orleans and Barton to
replace 5.5 miles of an existing 46 kV
transmission line, that runs from the Barton Tap,
located on Route 16 south of Barton Village, to
the Heath substation, located on Baird Road in
Barton, Vermont, including the relocation of
two segments of the line

Entered: 11/16/2009

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD ISSUED PURSUANT TO 30 V.S.A. § 248

It Is Hereby Certified that the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont ("Board") this day found and adjudged that the construction of the proposed transmission line project will promote the general good of the State of Vermont, and a Certificate of Public Good is hereby issued to the Village of Orleans Electric Department ("Orleans") and Barton Village, Inc., Electric Department ("Barton" and together with Orleans the "Petitioners"), subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to proceeding with construction, Petitioners shall obtain all necessary permits and approvals and shall file with the Board a status report and final construction plans for the proposed project, which plans shall conform substantially to the plans set forth in the record of this proceeding. Petitioners shall note any changes in the final plans from the plans approved by the Order and any party or affected person shall have ten calendar days from the date the plans are filed to comment on any such changes. Items addressed in the status report or final construction plans shall include the following: (a) the anticipated number and length of electrical

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outages related to the project and how the temporary 46 kV bypasses will be energized and deenergized; (b) a revised estimate as to the total costs of the proposed project; and (c) updates on any required permits and approvals, on any significant landowner issues, on the process of obtaining necessary easements, and on the disposition of the poles from the existing 46 kV Tap Line. Board approval of the final construction plans shall be required prior to the commencement of construction if such final plans deviate materially from the plans admitted into the record in this proceeding.

- 2. Construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed project shall be in accordance with (a) the procedures and guidelines described in the above findings and in the record of this proceeding, including, but not limited to, the construction procedures prescribed by the Arrowwood Report for construction in wetland areas, (b) the terms of all necessary permits and approvals, and (c) all applicable regulations, including, but not limited to, those of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, the Vermont Agency of Transportation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- 3. Petitioners shall file prompt notification with the Board at any time if actual or estimated costs of the proposed project exceed, or are anticipated to exceed, by ten percent or more the most recent filed cost estimate for the proposed project. This condition shall include any increase of ten percent or more in the midpoint of a range of estimated costs that allows for contingencies.
- 4. The Board retains jurisdiction to review, at the request of any party or affected person or on its own initiative, aesthetic mitigation measures post-construction and to require additional mitigation measures as the Board determines to be appropriate.
- 5. This Certificate of Public Good shall not be transferred without prior approval of the Board.

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Clerk of the Board